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To: Transportation

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1220

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-35-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE FEE FOR IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR BLIND PERSONS; AND FOR  
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 45-35-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 45-35-7. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this  
8 section, each applicant for an original identification card issued  
9 pursuant to this chapter who is entitled to issuance of such a  
10 card shall be issued a four-year card. Each card shall expire at  
11 midnight on the last day of the cardholder's birth month.

12 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section,  
13 all renewal identification cards shall be for four-year periods  
14 and may be renewed any time during the birth month of the  
15 cardholder upon application and payment of the required fee.

16 (3) Any applicant who is blind, as defined in Section  
17 43-6-1, upon payment of a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00), shall be  
18 issued an original identification card which shall remain valid  
19 for a period of ten (10) years. All renewal identification cards  
20 issued to such persons shall also be valid for a period of ten  
21 (10) years.

22 (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) for blind  
23 persons, a fee of Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00) shall be collected for  
24 the issuance of an original or renewal identification card. All  
25 fees shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

26 (5) Any person who, for medical reasons, surrenders his

27 unexpired driver's license, and any person whose unexpired  
28 driver's license is suspended for medical reasons by the  
29 Commissioner of Public Safety under Section 63-1-53(e), may be  
30 issued an identification card without payment of a fee. The  
31 identification card shall be valid for a period of four (4) years  
32 from its date of issue. All renewals of such card shall be  
33 subject to the fee prescribed in subsection (4) of this section.

34 (6) The department shall maintain a record of all  
35 identification cards issued, except for those cards cancelled,  
36 surrendered or denied renewal.

37 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
38 and after July 1, 2000.